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SUBJ: TRANSIT OF EAST EUROPEAN FISHING VESSELS THROUGH CANAL

A) STATE 114560; (B) PANAMA 3155; (C) PANAMA 3465

1. PANCANAL OFFICIAL NOTIFIED EMBASSY THAT GDR FISHING TRAWLER RUDOLF LEONHARD, 267.5 FEET REGISTERED LENGTH, ARRIVED BALBOA JULY 12 FOR NORTHBOUND TRANSIT EN ROUTE FROM FISHING GROUNDS "OFF OREGON" TO ROSTOCK WITH 440 LONG TONS FISH AND 104 LONG TONS FISH MEAL.

2. THE FOLLOWING WAS OBTAINED FROM THE MASTER IN CONVERSATION WITH PANCANAL OFFICIAL. HE IS VERY PLEASED WITH HIS CATCH WHICH HE IDENTIFIED AS HAKE AND GAVE SCIENTIFIC NAME NERLUCCIUS. THIS IS THE ONLY TYPE OF FISH CAUGHT. HIS PRESENT CARGO IS A CAPACITY LOAD AND CONSISTS OF FROZEN FILETS AND FISH MEAL PROCESSED ON BOARD. HE STATED THAT HE USED A "SHORT NET" AND BROUGHT IN FROM 25-31 TONS EACH HAUL. THE VESSEL WILL DISCHARGE IN ITS HOME PORT OF ROSTOCK AND THEN PROCEED TO FISHING GROUNDS OFF NORTHEAST USA IN VICINITY OF CHARLES BANK WHERE THEY WILL FISH HERRING. HE STATED THERE ARE TWO POLISH FISHING VESSELS PRESENTLY OFF OREGON AND IDENTIFIED THESE AS "WHALEN" AND "CARINA." THESE HE SAID INTEND TO UNLOAD THEIR CATCH IN MEXICO--PORT NOT MENTIONED. HE STATED THERE IS ONLY ONE OTHER EAST GERMAN FISHING VESSEL PRESENTLY OFF OREGON AND

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IDENTIFIED IT AS "PETER NELL." HE CLAIMED THAT THE HAKE SEASON

RUNS FROM MAY TO OCTOBER AND THERE WILL BE A LARGER FLEET OF EAST GERMAN VESSELS IN THE AREA IN MAY 1975. THESE WILL INCLUDE "ERICH WEINERT" (SHIP NO. 304); "FC WEISSKOPF" (SHIP NO. 306); "PETER NELL" (SHIP NO. 307); "WALTER DEHMEL" (SHIP NO. 308); "BERNHARD KELLERMANN" (SHIP NO. 303); "PETER KAST" (SHIP NO. 310); "BODO WHSE" (SHIP NO. 312); "WILLI BREDEL" (SHIP NO. 313); AND TWO MOTHER SHIPS, EVERS HAGEN," 5,000 DEADWEIGHT TONS, AND "LUTTENKLEIN," 6,000 DEADWEIGHT TONS.

3. "RUDOLF LEONHARD" CARRIES A CREW OF 87. MASTER IS UWE KROGER BORN LUBECK 15 AUGUST 1934. SHIP'S DRAFT ON ARRIVAL 17.5 FEET FORWARD AND 18 FEET AFT. DISPLACEMENT AT PRESENT DRAFT 3,800.5 TONS. OWNERS ARE LISTED AS VEB FISCHKOMBINAT, ROSTOCK. JORDEN

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